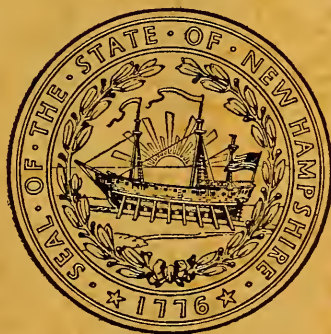


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*for the*  
*Town and School District*  
*of*  
DANBURY  
New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Years Ending  
*December 31, 1954*  
*June 30, 1954*

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Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Road Agents,

School Board, and Other Officials

Trustees and Librarian of the

George Gamble Library

of the

TOWN OF

# DANBURY

for

The Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### Moderator

LAWRENCE CURREN

### Town Clerk

RAYMOND E. GARDNER

### Treasurer

STEPHEN J. FORD

### Selectmen

FRED G. HOPPER                  CLINTON F. HUNTOON  
HARRY O. SWETT

### Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY M. HEATH

### Representative to General Court

ROY K. SARGENT

### Constable

LAWRENCE CURREN

### Police Officer

CLARENCE E. FORD

### Supervisors

LAWRENCE E. FORD                  FRANCIS CLEWS  
EUGENE ALLEN

### Health Officer

SELECTMEN

### Library Trustees

RUTH PHELPS                  GLADYS TWOMEY  
HARRIET G. MORRISON

### Trustees of Trust Fund

Arthur W. JEWETT                  CLARENCE E. FORD  
ROBERT FORD

**Forest Fire Warden**

CHARLES C. MORRISON, CHIEF

ROY K. SARGENT, ASS'T

**Deputies**

RAND C. FORD

REGINALD GLINES

**School Board**

ROY K. SARGENT

DAVID ARMSTRONG

EDNA F. POWERS

**Fire Warden**

FRANCIS O. SHELDON

**Fence Viewers**

HORACE M. HASTINGS CLARENCE A. FOWLER

**Road Agent**

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN

**Auditors**

RAY J. MARTIN

ROY K. SARGENT

**Vol. Fire Department**

IN CASE OF FIRE

CALL CENTRAL TEL. OPERATOR

**Fire Commissioners**

FRED C. HOPPER

FRANCIS O. SHELDON

RAY J. MARTIN

SYLVESTER C. PULVER

**Chief**

CLARENCE E. FORD

**Captain**

CHARLES C. MORRISON

**Lieutenants**

MAURICE E. WELLS

LAWRENCE CURREN

**Clerk**

JAMES FIFIELD

**Moderator**

GERALD WHEELER

**Treasurer**

FRANK CLEWS

**TOWN WARRANT****The State of New Hampshire**

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of highways.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$682.91 T.R.A. money and receive the State's contribution of \$4,552.71.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the George Gamble Library.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for American Legion for Memorial Day.
8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

10. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount on taxes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one-hundredth of one per cent ( $1/100$  of 1%) of the net assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1954 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association. (Est. \$44.72)

12. To see what action the Town will take on installing a signal at the depot crossing and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the remainder of the Smith bridge appropriation. — \$350.79.

14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a new plow for the town truck and appropriate money for the same.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty five.

CLINTON F. HUNTOON  
HARRY O. SWETT

Selectmen of Danbury

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLINTON F. HUNTOON  
HARRY O. SWETT

Selectmen of Danbury



# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the  
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and  
Estimated Actual Estimated

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Revenue Previous Yr. 1954	Revenue Previous Yr. 1954	Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1955
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 650.00	\$ 537.30	\$ 525.00
Railroad Tax	600.00	577.67	525.00
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	131.15	125.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		8.24	
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance		20.76	
Duncan Fund	3,504.95	3,504.95	3,500.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	235.00	226.00	225.00
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees		8.50	
Fines & Forfeits, Mun. Ct.	20.63	20.63	
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	10.00		
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	150.00	263.44	250.00
Dog License Penalties		13.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,500.00	1,683.20	1,600.00
Sale of Town Property		125.01	50.00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than</b>			
<b>Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	450.00	324.00	420.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$ 7,280.58	\$ 7,453.85	\$ 7,190.00
<b>Amt. To Be Raised By Prop. Taxes</b>			28,605.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			\$ 35,795.00



# DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Estimated Expenditures
PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES	Previous Year 1954	Previous yr. 1954	Ensuing yr. 1955
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 996.80	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00	736.50	900.00
Election & Registration Expenses	125.00	201.03	100.00
Exp., Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs	250.00	109.51	200.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	75.00	106.99	150.00
Fire Department	500.00	512.40	600.00
Moth Exterm.-Blister Rust	200.00	200.00	
Insurance		243.25	150.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Vital Statistics	15.00	7.00	10.00
Town Dump	50.00	111.07	100.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance—Summer		3,504.95	3,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	4,000.00	5,181.21	4,500.00
Street Lighting	750.00	757.02	760.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.		2,416.08	
Town Road Aid	771.06	771.06	750.00
<b>Libraries</b>	150.00	150.00	150.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	100.00	56.22	100.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,722.30	2,500.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day & Vet's Assoc.	75.00	75.00	75.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	150.00	211.33	150.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages & Legal Exp. incl. dog damage		183.16	200.00
Employees' Ret. & Social Security	100.00	273.13	250.00
<b>Interest:</b>			

(Expenses carried to Page 9)

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the  
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and

	Estimated Revenue Previous	Actual Revenue Previous	Estimated Revenue Ensuing
SOURCES OF REVENUE			

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# DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES (Continued)	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous yr. 1954	Estimated Expenditures Following yr. 1955
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(Expenses brought from Page 7)

## Highways & Bridges:

On Temporary Loans	200.00	237.99	250.00
New Equipment	2,186.00	2,186.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>			
County Taxes	2,238.09	2,238.09	2,200.00
School Taxes	15,837.22	13,293.57	16,000.00

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 33,272.37	\$ 33,976.71	\$ 35,795.00
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# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

## ITEM

	Appropriations	Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrawn Balance
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 996.80	\$ 303.20	
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00	800.00	736.50	63.50	
Election and Registration	125.00	125.00	201.03		\$ 76.03
Town Hall & other buildings exp.	250.00	250.00	109.51	140.49	
Police Department	75.00	75.00	106.99		31.99
Fire Department	500.00	500.00	512.40		12.40
Blister Rust Control	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Health Dept. including Hospitals	50.00	50.00	111.07		61.07
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00	7.00	8.00	
Town Maint. (Duncan money)		3,504.95	7,597.29		
Town Maintenance	4,000.00	5,500.00		1,407.66	
Street Lighting	750.00	750.00	757.02		7.02
Town Road Aid	771.06	771.06	771.06		
Libraries	150.00	150.00	150.00		
Town Poor	100.00	100.00	56.22	43.78	
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,722.30	777.70	
Cemeteries	150.00	150.00	211.33		61.33
Social Security Retirement	100.00	100.00	273.13		173.13
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00	200.00	237.99		37.99
County Tax	2,238.09	2,238.09	2,238.09		
School Tax	15,837.22	15,837.22	13,293.57	2,543.65	
Payment on Grader	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
New Equipment	2,186.00	2,186.00	2,186.00		
Insurance			243.25		
	\$ 33,197.37	\$ 38,202.32	\$ 33,718.55	\$ 5,287.98	\$ 460.96

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF DANBURY 1954

Lands & Buildings, exclusive of growing wood & timber	\$ 382,045.00
Mature Wood & Timber	4,940.00
Electric Plants	50,416.00
Horses, 37	3,005.00
Cows, 101	9,560.00
Other Neat Stock, 22	1,340.00
Sheep and Goats, 46	570.00
Fowls, 3,330	3,330.00
Portable Mills	1,500.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 14	2,035.00
Stock in Trade	9,970.00
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Total Gross Valuation before exemptions	\$ 468,711.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	21,520.00
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Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$ 447,191.00

### LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

#### Appropriations:

Town Officers salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' expenses	800.00
Social Security & Retirement	100.00
Election & Registration expenses	125.00
Town Hall & Bldgs maint.	250.00
Police Department	75.00
Fire Department	500.00
Blister Rust	200.00
Health Department	50.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	771.06

Town Maintenance	4,000.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept., Duncan Fund	3,504.95
Street Lighting	750.00
New Equipment	2,186.00
Libraries	150.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00
Town Poor	100.00
Memorial - Old Home Day	75.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Payments on Debt:	
Principal	\$ 1,000.00
Interest	200.00
	<hr/> 1,200.00
County Tax	2,238.09
School Tax	15,837.22
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Total Town & School Appropriations	\$ 36,777.32

**Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits:**

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 537.30
Railroad Tax	600.00
Savings Bank Tax	131.15
Reimb. a/c exemp. growing wood & timber	979.97
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,700.00
Dog Licenses	235.00
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	10.00
Int. on Taxes & Inc. from trust funds	150.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	50.00
Other Revenue:	
Duncan Fund	3,500.00
Total Revenues & Credits	<hr/> 7,893.42
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	\$ 28,883.90
Plus Overlay	176.32
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$ 29,060.22

Less: 215 Poll Taxes @ \$2	\$ 430.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	
	<hr/>	440.00
Amount to be raised by property		<hr/>
taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$ 28,620.22	
<b>Taxes to be Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ 28,620.22	
Poll Taxes @ \$2	430.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$ 29,060.22	
<b>Tax Rate:</b>		
Town	\$ 6.40	



## TOWN OF DANBURY

## BALANCE

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Assets	
Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$ 7,358.97
<b>Accounts Due to the Town—</b>	
Due from State:	
Bounties	200.50
Due from County:	
County Poor	54.76
Other bills due Town:	
Rent on Town Property	4.00
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b> (from tax sale a/o)	
Levy of 1953	499.51
Levy of 1952	6.60
Previous Years	9.35
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b> Levy of 1954	8,281.11
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	225.00
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Total Assets	\$ 16,639.80
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 1,373.35
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 1,429.66

## SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1954

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Liabilities	
<b>Accounts Owed by the Town:</b>	
Bills outstanding	\$ 237.71
Unexpended Bal. of Special Appropriations:	
Baptist Cemetery	95.75
Smith Bridge	350.79
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	414.17
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes-1954	
Uncollected	225.00
Collected-not remit. to state treas.	549.50
Due to Sch. Dist.: Balance of Appro.	11,337.22
<b>Outstanding Temp. Loans in Ant. of Taxes:</b>	
First Nat'l Bank, Bristol, Note No. 84,	
\$2,000., Dec. 15, 1955	2,000.00
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 15,210.14
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1,429.66
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 16,639.80

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Description	Value
Town Hall, and Equipment	\$ 2,000.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Fire Department, Lands & Buildings	1,200.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings	1,500.00
Equipment	9,500.00
Schools, Lands & Buildings	6,000.00
Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax	
Collector's deeds	
Angus Coro Lot	100.00
Waukeena Lot No. 81	40.00
Schlegal or Barney Lot	50.00
Henry A. Smith Lot	100.00
Bog Bridge Lot	100.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 25,590.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## Received for Licensing:

14 female dogs @ \$5	\$ 70.00	
78 male dogs @ \$2	156.00	
26 penalties @ 50¢	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 239.00

11 - 1953 auto permits	\$ 12.82	
309 - 1954 auto permits	1,670.38	
Filing Fees	6.00	
Due Town on 1953 report	.70	
	<hr/>	1,689.90

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\$ 1,928.90

Paid S. J. Ford, Treasurer	\$ 1,928.90
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RAYMOND E. GARDNER,  
Town Clerk

## Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

# **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

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## **State Head Tax — Levy of 1953**

### DEBITS:

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 235.00
Penalties collected during 1954	23.50

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Total Debits	\$ 258.50
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### CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer during 1954:

Head Taxes	\$ 235.00
Penalties	23.50

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Total Credits	\$ 258.50
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DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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 State Head Tax — Levy of 1954

## DEBITS:

State Head Taxes committed to Collector:

Original warrant	\$ 1,285.00	
Added taxes	20.00	
Total Commitment	—————	\$ 1,305.00
Penalties Collected		5.00
Total Debits	—————	\$ 1,310.00

## CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head taxes	\$ 1,080.00	
Penalties	5.00	
Total Remittances	—————	\$ 1,085.00
Uncollected Head Taxes, per collector's list		225.00
Total Credits	—————	\$ 1,310.00

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

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### Property, Poll & Yield Taxes — Levy of 1953

## DEBITS:

Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1, 1954:

Property taxes	\$ 6,377.08
Poll taxes	96.00
Yield taxes	1,125.52
	————— \$ 7,598.60

## Added Taxes:

Property taxes	5.50
Poll taxes	4.00
Interest collected during 1954	250.50
Total Debits	————— \$ 7,858.60

## CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer during 1954:

Property taxes	\$ 5,856.69
Poll taxes	94.00
Yield taxes	1,071.85
Land sold for taxes	556.14
Abatements	29.42
Interest	250.50
Total Credits	————— \$ 7,858.60

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955



## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

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### Property, Poll & Yield Taxes — Levy of 1954

#### DEBITS:

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$ 28,620.22
Poll taxes	430.00
Nat'l bank stock tax	10.00
Total Warrant	————— \$ 29,060.22
Yield taxes	1,086.19

Added taxes:

Property taxes	54.40
Poll taxes	14.00
Interest collected	.34
Total Debits	————— \$ 30,215.15

#### CREDITS:

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$ 21,138.46
Poll taxes	328.00
Nat'l bank stock tax	10.00
Yield taxes	390.84
Interest	.34
Abatements	66.40

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	7,481.76
Poll taxes	104.00
Yield taxes	695.35
Total Credits	————— \$ 30,215.15

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,

Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

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As of December 31, 1954

DEBITS:	Tax sales on account of levies of		
	1953	1952	Prev. Yrs.
Taxes sold during current year	\$ 622.06		
Bal. unredeemed taxes, Jan. 1, 1954		\$ 294.43	\$ 9.35
Interest collected after sale	1.44	9.60	3.00
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Total Debits	\$ 623.50	\$ 304.03	\$ 12.35

### CREDITS:

Remittances to treas. during year	\$ 123.99	\$ 297.43	\$ 12.35
Unredeemed taxes, Dec. 31, 1954	499.51	6.60	

Total Credits	\$ 623.50	\$ 304.03	\$ 12.35
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Unredeemed taxes from tax sales on account of levies of:

	1953	1952
Baker, Joseph	\$ 148.11	
Baker, William M.	6.62	
Drake, Howard	57.83	
Martz, Hayden L.	94.68	
Sullivan, James H.	148.11	
Sullo way, G. W. & Lucette L.	44.16	
Woodward, Wesley		\$ 6.60
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	\$ 499.51	\$ 6.60

DOROTHY M. HEATH,

Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 5,221.97
Received of Tax Collector:	
1952 redemptions	287.83
1953 yield taxes	1,071.85
1953 interest	250.50
1953 poll taxes	94.00
1953 redemptions	122.55
1953 property taxes	5,856.69
1952 interest	9.60
1949 redemptions	9.35
1953 abatements	29.42
1953 land bought for taxes	556.14
1953 head taxes	235.00
1953 head tax penalties	23.50
1954 property taxes	21,148.46
1954 poll taxes	328.00
1954 interest	.34
1954 abatements	66.40
1954 yield taxes	390.84
1954 head taxes	1,080.00
1954 head tax penalties	5.00
1949 interest	3.00
Received of Town Clerk:	
1953 auto permits	13.52
1954 auto permits	1,669.68
1954 filing fees	6.00
1954 dog tax	226.00
Dog tax penalties	13.00
Balance due on 1953 auto permits	.70

Received of Selectmen	15,052.98
Total Receipts during year	<u>\$ 53,772.32</u>
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>46,413.35</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	\$ 7,358.97

STEPHEN J. FORD, Treasurer.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955



## TOWN OF DANBURY

## RECEIPTS AND

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 RECEIPTS
**Current Revenue:****From local taxes collected & remitted to treasurer:**

Property taxes, 1954	\$ 21,138.46
Poll taxes, 1954, reg. @ \$2	328.00
Nat'l bank stock taxes, 1954	10.00
Yield taxes, 1954	390.84
State head taxes, 1954, @ \$5	1,080.00
Total Current Year's Taxes	<hr/>
collected and remitted	\$ 22,947.30
Property & yield taxes—previous years	6,928.54
Poll taxes—previous yrs.—reg. @ \$2	94.00
State head taxes @ \$5—previous years	241.00
Interest received on taxes	263.44
Penalties on state head taxes	22.50
Tax sales redeemed	419.73

**From State:**

For Class V highway maintenance	3,504.95
Interest and dividends tax	537.30
Railroad tax	577.67
Savings Bank tax	131.15
Fighting forest fires	8.24
Bounties	99.75
Reim. a/c Old Age Assistance	20.76

**From Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog licenses	226.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	8.50
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	20.63
Reg. of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	12.82
Reg. of motor vehicles, 1954 permits	1,670.38

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Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$ 37,734.66
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(Receipts carried to Page 28)

# **PAYMENTS      FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1954**

## **PAYMENTS**

### **Current Maintenance Expenses:**

#### **General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 996.80
Town officers' expenses	736.50
Election & registration expenses	201.03
Exp., town hall & other bldgs	109.51

#### **Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police department	106.99
Fire dept., including forest fires	512.40
Blister Rust	200.00
Bounties	200.50
Insurance	243.25

#### **Health:**

Vital statistics	7.00
Town dump	111.07

#### **Highways and Bridges:**

Town Road Aid	771.06
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#### **Town maintenance —**

Summer	\$ 3,546.58	
Winter	1,634.63	
		5,181.21

Street lighting	757.02
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General exp., highway department	2,416.08
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<b>Library:</b>	150.00
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#### **Public Welfare:**

Old Age Assistance	1,722.30
Town poor	56.22

#### **Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day & vets assoc.	75.00
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#### **Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	211.33
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(Payments carried to Page 29)



## TOWN OF DANBURY

## RECEIPTS AND

(Receipts brought from Page 26)

**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Temp. loans in anticipation of taxes dur. yr.	\$ 10,000.00
Refunds	4.22
Sale of town property	125.01
Dog license penalties	13.00
Refund from R.R. (forest fire)	21.50
Abatements	95.82
Land bought for taxes	556.14
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<hr/> \$ 10,815.69 <hr/>
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$ 48,550.35
Cash on hand January 1, 1954	5,221.97
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 53,772.32 <hr/>

# **PAYMENTS      FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1954**

(Payments brought from Page 27)

## **Unclassified:**

Damages & legal exp.	\$ 10.26	
Town clerk fees	172.90	
		183.16
Taxes bought by town		622.06
Discounts, abatements & refunds		105.82
Employees' ret. & social security		273.13
Total Current Maintenance Exp.		\$ 15,949.44

## **Interest:**

Paid on temporary loans	\$ 232.64	
Bank service charge	5.35	
Total Interest Payments		\$ 237.99

## **Outlay for New Equipment:**

Truck	\$ 2,186.00	
Total Outlay Payments		\$ 2,186.00

## **Indebtedness:**

Payments on temporary loans	\$ 11,000.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		\$ 11,000.00

## **Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

Internal revenue	\$ 356.26	
State head taxes paid State Treas. —		
1954 taxes	\$ 427.50	
Prior years	724.50	
		1,152.00

Taxes paid to County	2,238.09
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## **Payments to School Districts —**

1953 tax	\$ 8,793.57	
1954 tax	4,500.00	
		13,293.57

Total payments to other gov. div.	\$ 17,039.92
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$ 46,413.35
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	7,358.97

Grand Total	\$ 53,772.32
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## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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**Town Officers' Salaries:**

Fred G. Hopper (bal. 1953 salary)	\$ 73.92
Fred G. Hopper, 1954 salary	73.50
Clinton F. Huntoon	244.12
Harry O. Swett	247.94
Roy K. Sargent	15.00
Ray J. Martin	15.00
Dorothy M. Heath	147.00
Lawrence Curren, moderator	23.52
Raymond E. Gardner	78.40
Stephen J. Ford	78.40

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\$ 996.80

**Town Officers' Expenses:**

Assoc. of N. H. Assessors	\$ 3.00
R. E. Gardner, postage, etc.	3.00
Harry O. Swett, postage, mileage, telephone	83.15
Lawrence Curren	4.25
Fannie B. Martin, copying invoice	15.00
Enterprise Press, town reports	246.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, office supplies	43.14
John C. Ray, town officers' bonds	59.50
Fred G. Hopper, postage, mileage, telephone	68.60
N.H. Tax Collectors' Assoc., dues	3.00
Wheeler & Clark, office supplies	13.85
U.S. Truck & Auto Guide	14.50
C. R. Hardy, town clerks' assoc., dues	2.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills	13.55
Dorothy M. Heath, postage, mileage, etc.	128.67
Clinton F. Huntoon, postage, mileage, telephone	21.65

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\$ 722.86

**Election & Registration:**

Roy K. Sargent	\$ 23.64
Lawrence Curren	6.00

Journal Transcript, printing ballots	15.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	6.23
Frank Clews	35.52
Lawrence E. Ford	49.00
Harriet L. Ford, typing check list	24.00
Myrtie B. Ford	18.00
Stephen J. Ford	17.64
Eugene Allen	6.00

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\$ 201.03

**Town Hall & Other Town Buildings:**

Public Service Co. of N.H., electric bill	\$ 44.14
Clarence Fowler, janitor	5.00
R. E. Gardner, glass	.60
Maxwell Gordon, wood	27.00
Roland Libby, wiring town garage	39.07
L. E. Ford, repairs	3.67
R. K. Sargent, repairs	3.67

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\$ 123.15

**Police Department:**

Lawrence Curren	\$ 72.00
Brewsters Store, hardware	28.50
C. P. Stevens, steel tape	6.49

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\$ 106.99

**Volunteer Fire Department:**

1953 appropriation	\$ 500.00
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**Forest Fire:**

C. C. Morrison	\$ 12.40
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**Blister Rust Control:**

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 200.00
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**Bounties:**

Harry O. Swett	\$ 71.00
Clinton F. Huntoon	129.00

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\$ 200.50

**Insurance:**

John C. Ray	\$ 92.00
Farm Bureau Mutual Ins.	125.00
Arthur W. Jewett	26.25

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\$ 243.25

**Vital Statistics:**

Raymond E. Gardner	\$ 7.00
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**Town Dump:**

Clarence E. Ford, dozer	\$ 62.00
Sylvester Pulver	40.07
Clarence Fowler	9.00

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\$ 111.07

**Town Road Aid:**

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 771.06
Town Maintenance, incl. Smith bridge	\$ 5,181.21
Gen'l Exp. of Highway Dept., incl. Smith br.	\$ 2,416.08

**Library:**

Harriet G. Morrison	\$ 150.00
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**Old Age Assistance:**

Treasurer, State of N.H.	\$ 1,722.30
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**Town Poor:**

Drs. & medicines, W. Arthur Batchelder	\$ 29.13
R. E. Gardner, groceries, Hazel Lombard	27.09

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\$ 56.22

**Street Lighting:**

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$ 757.02
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**Memorial Day:**

Lee Knapp Post No. 96, American Legion	\$ 75.00
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**Cemeteries:**

Clarence A. Fowler	\$ 149.48
Sylvester Pulver	17.15
Hazen Lumber Co.	5.60
O. C. Hastings Co.	39.10

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 \$ 211.33
**Legal Expenses:**

Katherine Crowley, conveyance	\$ 10.26
R. E. Gardner, town clerk fees	172.90

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 \$ 183.16
**Taxes Bought by Town:**

Dorothy M. Heath, tax collector	\$ 622.06
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**Abatements:**

Dorothy M. Heath	\$ 105.82
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**Social Security:**

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$ 273.13
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**Interest on Temporary Loans:**

First National Bank of Bristol	\$ 232.64
First Nat'l Bank of Bristol, service charge	5.35

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 \$ 237.99
**New G.M.C. truck chassis:**

Bartlett Auto Co.	\$ 2,186.00
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**Payment on Temporary Loans:**

First National Bank of Bristol	\$ 11,000.00
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**Withholding Tax:**

Director of Internal Revenue, Portsmouth	\$ 356.26
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**Head Taxes:**

Treasurer, State of N.H., 1953 levy	\$ 724.50
Treasurer, State of N.H., 1954 levy	427.50

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 \$ 1,152.00
**County Tax:**

Donald G. Rainie, Treasurer	\$ 2,238.09
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**School District:**

Arlene Chellis, treas., bal 1953 appro. \$ 8,793.57

Arlene Chellis, treas., part 1954 appro. 4,500.00

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\$ 13,293.57**Total Payments:**

\$ 46,413.35

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954

7,358.97

**Grand Total**

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\$ 53,772.32



# GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY

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## Report of the Library Trustees for the year ending

December 31, 1954

### Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 12.79
Amount reserved for books ordered	20.00
Town Treasurer, 1954 appropriation	150.00
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	\$ 182.79

### Payments:

Almeda Wiggin, librarian	\$ 44.00
Andrew Phelps, care of lawn	3.00
Bert Hillsgrove, care of lawn	2.50
Roger Rollins, care of lawn	4.50
Ester Phelps, cleaning library	10.00
Public Service Co., lights	21.00
Arthur W. Jewett, repairs	29.35
C. C. Morrison, repairs	2.00
H. M. Hastings, supplies	7.30
Goodman's Book Store, books	23.55
Readers Digest, books	11.98
Horace M. Hastings, books	6.00
Postage and supplies	1.03
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	\$ 166.21

Balance on hand December 31, 1954	\$ 16.58
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Patrons—42

Circulation—715

The Library has been painted on the exterior the past year as it was badly in need of it not having been done since it was built in 1911.

We expect our expenses will be about the same next year and recommend the same amount be raised at the next March meeting.

RUTH K. PHELPS,  
GLADYS W. TWOMEY,  
HARRIET G. MORRISON,  
Trustees

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

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### Winter & Spring Maintenance

Len Sargent	\$ 174.00
Clark Gray	312.00
Reginald Wiggin	237.00
Myrl Phelps	40.00
Hayden Martz	116.25
Donald Wiggin	147.00
Clyde Dicey	7.00
Ray Russell	56.00
Gardner Peckham	20.00
Lewis Littlefield	74.00
Spencer Ford	58.00
Clarence Ford	64.00
Gifford Wiggin	240.90
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	\$ 1,546.15

### Summer Maintenance

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 622.30
Clark Gray	544.00
Reginald Wiggin	235.00
Lewis Littlefield	126.00
Clarence Fowler	93.00
Alfred Lachance	48.00
Alvin Currier	253.80
Willard Huntoon	279.00
Donald Wiggin	5.00
Raymond Martin	68.50
Helen Hatch	16.80
Roger Rollins	35.00
Florence Bean	60.40
Len Sargent	4.00
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	\$ 2,390.80

### Bean Bridge (Smith River Bridge)

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 149.60
Roy Sargent	40.00
L. E. Ford	40.00
Len Sargent	8.00
R. P. Johnson & Son	40.64
Stakleker Steel Co.	379.37
Walter Russell	53.00
Lewis Littlefield	68.00
Clark Gray	60.00
Clinton Huntoon	19.45
C. A. Dorval	41.65
Sanal Auto Parts	6.30
Thompson & Hoague	1.00
Gardner Peckham	4.70
Hammond Bros.	16.00
M. F. Braley	180.00
Myrl Phelps	1.50
Mohoney's Garage	36.00
Harry Swett	5.00
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	\$ 1,149.21

### Fall & Winter Maintenance

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 562.10
Clark Gray	306.00
Lewis Littlefield	195.00
Dorothy Heath, gravel	19.00
Raymond Martin, gravel	6.80
Sylvester Pulver	191.00
Clarence Fowler	53.00
Len Sargent	25.00
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	\$ 1,357.90

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN,  
Road Agent

**DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT****Treasurer's Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954****Receipts:**


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Balance Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 255.97
Town appropriation	500.00
Donation drawing	338.00
Interest Bristol Savings Bank	12.07
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$ 1,106.04

**Expenses:**

Eastern Fire Equip. Co.,	
3 pr. Cardwell mitts	\$ 15.55
10 gals. foam comp.	45.00
Pyrene equipment	55.00
1 hose adapter	3.50
Express & insurance	2.57
Sanel Auto Parts Co., truck parts	10.70
Truck flashers & lights	13.76
C. A. Carr, fuel oil	163.68
R. E. Gardner, gas	15.55
Meeting expenses	4.71
Cairns & Bro., sec'y record book	6.44
Newfound Print Shop, tickets	28.00
C. P. Stevens, 2 doz. chairs	84.00
O. C. Hastings, flashlights & batteries	9.07
Oil for fire trucks	5.80
Anti freeze	1.80
Community Garage, truck battery	13.54
Fred's Auto Service, 6 keys	1.50
Amer. Fire Equip. Co., 24 badges	60.49
John C. Ray, group insurance	157.50
Total Expenses	<hr/> \$ 698.16
Balance	<hr/> \$ 407.88

**By Donation:**

Community Garage, estimate value	\$ 6.10
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### **Treasurer's Certificate**

I certify that this is a true and correct report of the treasurer's records for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954.

FRANK CLEWS, Treasurer.

### **DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

And so ends the eighth year of faithful service of your Fire Department organized to serve you in February 1947. Not only has the membership of interested volunteer firemen increased, but also your fire fighting equipment continues to improve. This, due to the efforts and careful study of the staff of all officers and members, who are ever ready to give their time and effort in their voluntary services, for your protection and security.

The retirement of Clarence Ford, as Chief, after having served in this office for over six years, is most worthy of mention, and is deserving of a vote of thanks by everyone. Due to his profound interest, and untiring efforts, much can be attributed to the advancement and present day standing of your Fire Department. Chief Ford will serve as an advisor, he having gained a vast amount of experience, in his past duties, and his knowledge will at all times be most welcome.

The management, and operation of maintaining a fully equipped, and reasonably efficient Fire Department is no small task. This necessitates the purchase of various items of needed equipment for the advanced improvement of your department. This is only done after careful study by the Commissioners and Officers. Through the efforts and your consideration in subscribing to the monthly donation drawings, has it been possible to meet the added expense and to achieve constant progress. For your kind patronage, may we extend our sincere thanks.

The subscribed amount, for maintaining your Fire Department appropriated by the town each year is of vital importance, for which we are very grateful and without which the department could not exist. This amount is required to meet three governing factors, and therefore requires the raising of funds of almost equal proportion to continue in our maintenance of a department of which both members and residents can be proud. To all Committees both past and present may we offer our sincere thanks, for the faithful service you have afforded the department to the raising of these funds. May your progress continue.

ELMER GRACE, Fire Chief  
FRED G. HOPPER,  
RAY J. MARTIN,  
SYLVESTER C. PULVER,  
Commissioners

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Danbury, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND Last first those trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Whether bank deposit, stock, bond, municipal obligation, etc.	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Bal. of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
<b>SHEET I</b>									
1916	Isaac Sanborn	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	\$25.00		\$1.74	\$ .76	\$ .50	\$2.00
1916	Curtice	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00			6.05	1.20	4.75
1949	Winter	Cemetery	Loan and Trust Savings Bank	103.92			6.02	1.30	4.72
1949	Peoples	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00		22.64	3.13	1.07	19.67
1949	Annette J. Traver	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00		4.98	1.50	1.40	5.08
1949	Lydia Lichfield	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	25.00			6.05	1.30	4.75
1949	Land E. Heath	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00			.76	.20	.56
1949	Elbridge A. Wells	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00			3.02	.65	2.37
1949	Mary E. Taylor	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00			1.52	.35	1.17
1949	Fred L. Clark	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00		7.56	1.52	1.90	7.18
						\$36.92	\$30.33	\$15.00	\$52.25
<b>SHEET II</b>									
1916	Appleton Walker	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	\$50.00			\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
1916	Converse	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	25.00			1.50		1.50
1916	Sarah Bean	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00			.76		.76
1923	John Langley	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00			1.50		1.50
1923	Mary G. Sleeper	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1925	Cyrus B. Jones	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1929	George F. Sleeper	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1930	N. A. Sleeper - Wolcott	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1930	Olive J. Wilkins	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00			1.51		1.51
1930	Hannah Wiggin	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	30.00			1.51		1.51
1933	Voluna Kilton	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00			6.05	\$3.00	3.05
1935	John V. Ford	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00			1.50		1.50
1935	Flora O. Medska	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	25.00			.76		.76
1936	Julious B. Hale	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1941	Clara A. Walker	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1941	N. E. Wilkins	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	200.00			6.05	\$3.00	3.05
1944	Fred B. Braley	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00			6.05	2.75	3.30
1949	J. Olyn Ford	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00			3.02		3.02
1949	Alice A. Sewall	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00			3.02		3.02
1953	George W. Peasley	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00			1.50		1.50
	Contributions, South Danbury Cemetery					\$33.25	18.00	51.25	
1954	Jenness Fund	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00			.50		.50
1954	Eastman and Kenerson	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	25.00			.13		.13
						\$33.25	\$71.46	\$60.00	\$44.71



	Memorials	Bristol Savings Bank	New Hampshire Savings Bank	\$35.14
1916	i. Hethcote	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00
1916	Capt. Samuel Gardner	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00
1922	Philetia E. Emmons	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200.00
1929	Alice E. Braley	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	300.00
1930	Forenzo M. Heath	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	150.00
1933	Forenzo Haskins	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	50.00
1934	Samuel Hopkins	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00
1937	Dexter J. Perkins	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00
1938	Charles A. Martin	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00
1939	Alice R. Adams	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00
1944	Austin A. Drake	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00
1945	Hattie E. Hinton	Cemetery	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100.00
1948	Mary E. Dexter	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00
1950	Warren A. Powers	Churches	Loan and Trust Savings Bank	300.00
1951	Parsonage	N R Stock Paid direct to School District		
1930	Hattie L. Langley School Fund & Shares	Franklin Savings Bank		
1936	Stephen B. Pollansbee	Franklin Savings Bank		
1954	Currie L. Heath	Franklin Savings Bank		
1954	Burt and Edna Dean			
1954				
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	Forward Sheet No. 2.			
	TOTALS			

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR W. JEWETT,  
CLARENCE E. FORD,  
ROBERT FORD, Trustees

Jan. 12, 1955

January 21, 1955

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DANBURY

### SCHOOL DIRECTORY

#### District Officers

Earl W. Lund	Moderator
Dorothy Heath	Clerk
Arlene Chellis	Treasurer
Ray J. Martin	Auditor

#### School Board

Roy K. Sargent	Term expires 1955
David Armstrong	Term expires 1956
Edna Powers	Term expires 1957

#### Teachers

Gladys Twomey	Elmwood
Annie Thompson	South
Gladys Cooper	Center

#### Attendance Officer

Roy K. Sargent

#### Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

#### School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1955 - 56

Open Sept. 7 (Wed.)	Close Dec. 21 (Wed. 12:30)
Open Jan. 3 (Tues.)	Close Feb. 17
Open Feb. 27	Close April 20
Open April 30	Close June 13 (Wed.)
Days out: Nov. 24, 25; May 30. Close 12:30 Nov. 23, Dec. 21.	

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including three for institutes and conventions, and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six before January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
School Treasurer and School Board  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954  
Treasurer's Report**

Summary :

Cash on hand July 1, 1953	\$ 10.41
Rec. from selectmen, cur. appro.	\$ 12,793.57
Rec. from state treas., state aid	6,795.41
Rec. from trust funds	48.00
Rec. from all other sources	70.05
Total Receipts	19,707.03
Total amount available for fiscal year	19,717.44
Less school board orders paid	19,321.21
Balance on hand June 30, 1954	\$ 396.23

ARLENE CHELLIS, Treasurer

**Auditor's Certificate**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Danbury of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

RAY J. MARTIN, Auditor

**School Board's Report**

Receipts :

From selectmen, appropriation	\$ 12,793.57
From state treas., state aid	6,795.41
From trust funds	48.00
From Supt. Union No. 4, refund on Supt's & Nurse's sal.	70.05
Total Receipts	19,707.03
Balance on hand June 30, 1953	10.41
Grand Total	\$ 19,717.44

## Detailed Statement of Payments

## Salaries of District Officers:

Edna Powers, school board	\$ 50.00	
David Armstrong, school board	50.00	
Roy K. Sargent, school board	50.00	
Arlene Chellis, treasurer's salary	25.00	
		<hr/> \$ 175.00

## Superintendent's salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	\$ 360.04
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## Truant officer &amp; school census:

Roy K. Sargent	\$ 15.00
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## Expenses of administration:

Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk and office expense	\$ 169.55	
The Enterprise Press, programs	7.00	
First Nat'l Bank, service charge	2.80	
Edson C. Eastman Co., treas.'s book	10.35	
Edna Powers, postage	3.19	
David Armstrong, postage	4.90	
N.H. Sch. Bd.'s Assoc., dues	3.00	
Arlene Chellis, postage	7.77	
		<hr/> \$ 208.56

## Teachers' salaries:

Gladys Cooper	\$ 1,688.00	
Huldah Currier	359.99	
Gladys Twomey	1,664.20	
N.H. Teachers Ret. Sys.	553.58	
Director of Internal Revenue	776.60	
Audrey Curren	55.00	
Annie Thompson	1,293.88	
		<hr/> \$ 6,391.25

## Textbooks:

Scott, Foresman & Co.	\$ 19.44
Charles Scribner's Sons	12.83
L. W. Singer Co.	70.32
Houghton Mifflin Co.	120.59

American Education Publications	5.50	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	3.51	
Row, Peterson & Co.	10.37	
The John C. Winston Co.	5.40	
World Book Co.	16.58	
The Macmillan Co.	4.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 269.24

## Scholars' supplies:

Beckley-Cardy Co.	\$ 7.50	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	99.66	
Ginn & Co.	14.95	
Webster Publishing Co.	49.74	
American Book Co.	6.91	
The Continental Press	1.10	
Milton Bradley Co.	5.00	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	15.32	
Silver Burdett Co.	3.85	
Row, Peterson & Co.	21.40	
American Education Publications	22.70	
Cascade Paper Co.	62.27	
W. G. McCrillis	2.54	
Cardigan Sport Store	.85	
Supervisory Union No. 4	9.96	
J. L. Hammett Co.	44.76	
The John C. Winston Co.	8.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 367.01

## Other Expenses of Instruction:

Ira Zer Allen	\$ 8.20	
Martin & Murray Co.	20.90	
Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.	4.95	
J. L. Hammett Co.	6.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 40.10

## Janitor Service:

Esther Phelps, cleaning	\$ 20.00
Dorothy Ford, cleaning	8.00
Gertrude Smart, janitor	50.00
Jessie Wolfenden, janitor	20.00

Ruth Phelps, janitor	50.00	
Annie Thompson, janitor	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 178.00
Fuel:		
Charles A. Carr Co.		\$ 417.28
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:		
Public Service Co. of N.H.	\$ 90.10	
Allan H. Murray	3.74	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	2.95	
L. M. Smith	4.99	
West Disinfecting Co.	24.35	
Mobeco, Inc.	195.31	
L. E. Ford	11.25	
C. C. Morrison	17.40	
Roy K. Sargent	7.98	
	<hr/>	\$ 358.07
Minor Repairs & expenses:		
James A. Fifield	\$ 15.00	
Harry Houghton	31.05	
Community Garage of Danbury	1.50	
L. E. Ford	59.62	
O. C. Hastings & Co.	28.69	
Roy K. Sargent	82.18	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	44.09	
Greenwood Plumbing Co.	17.50	
E. J. Keegan & Co.	4.05	
Arlene Chellis	8.40	
Gardner Peckham	1.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 293.56
Medical Inspection:		
Supervisory Union No. 4,		
nurse's salary	\$ 204.62	
O. C. Hastings & Co.	.88	
W. G. McCrillis	2.62	
Ellen F. Williams, mileage to clinics	6.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 214.20

## Transportation of pupils:

J. Frank DesRoches	\$ 3,684.92	
Eric Fay	178.00	
Eugene Cook	233.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,096.88

## High School tuition:

Lebanon School District	\$ 520.00	
Bristol School District	1,897.46	
Andover School District	2,587.50	
Hopkinton School District	225.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,229.96

## Per Capita Tax:

State Treasurer	\$ 224.00
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## Insurance and other fixed charges:

Arthur W. Jewett	\$ 29.17
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## Retirement:

N.H. Teachers Ret. System	\$ 426.57	
Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse & supt.	27.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 453.89

Total Payments	<hr/>	\$ 19,321.21
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## Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

EDNA F. POWERS,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
DAVID ARMSTRONG,  
School Board.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

1953-54	Enrollment by Grades								
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
All schools	8	8	8	11	9	11	5	16	76
1954-55									
Dec. 24									
Elmwood	10	5							15
South			6	8	10				24
Center						10	10	4	24
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Totals	10	5	6	8	10	10	10	4	63

## District Totals

1953-54	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
All schools	66.7	2.9	69.6	95.8
1954-55				
Dec. 24				
Elmwood	14.8	.2	15.	98.5
South	21.9	.6	22.5	97.3
Center	23.6	.3	23.9	98.6
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Totals	60.3	1.1	61.4	98.2



## Tuition Pupils 1954 - 55

## Andover High School — Rate \$245.00

Richard Cook	Grade 9
John Ford	9
Regina Glines	9
Edwina Phelps	9
Eleanor Smith	9
Merrill Wentworth	9
Germaine Wolfenden	9
Jessie Wolfenden	9
Edna Hill	11
Graham Hill	11
Andrew Phelps	11
Leora Sargent	11
Melvin Heath	12
Daniel Walker	12

## Bristol High School — Rate \$300.00

Sandra Long	Grade 9
Constance St. Lawrence	9
Roger Jewell	9
Bruce Armstrong	10
Roy Chellis	10
Joan Tibbetts	10
Dorothy Perkins	12

## Lebanon High School — Rate \$275.00

Marion Ford	Grade 11
Merle Ford	12

## Hopkinton High School — Rate \$275.00

Bernice Clark	Grade 10
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## Franklin High School — Rate \$290.00

Josephine Kelly (Part of year)	Grade 9
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SUPERVISORY UNION No. 4 BUDGET 1953-54

District	\$2 Per Capita to State	*Supt's				Supt's		Totals
		Salary	Expense	Travel	Office C'm'n't'n	Sec'y	Nurse	
Alexandria	\$ 138.00	\$191.42	\$58.90		\$22.09	\$5.89	\$119.10	\$500.48
Bridgewater	86.00	215.80	66.40		24.99	6.64	122.60	552.54
Bristol	510.00	1198.92	348.90		138.31	36.89	798.52	3187.15
Camden	618.00	897.98	276.30		103.61	27.63	483.52	2423.06
Danbury	224.00	247.64	76.20		98.58	7.62	133.35	664.16
168.00		227.82	70.10		26.29	7.01	122.67	602.77
Grafton	36.00	98.80	20.40		11.40	3.04	53.20	196.84
Hebron	30.00	111.06	43.40		16.27	4.34	75.95	359.31
Orange	50.00	30.36	3.40		3.52	.94	14.96	75.83
Totals	\$1860.00	\$3250.00	\$1000.00		\$375.00	\$100.00	\$1750.00	\$8562.14
Received								
from State	\$2750.00	\$2750.00						

\* The State increased its share from \$275 to \$2750 making refunds totalling \$475 to the districts on supt's salary. Hence these figures, which are net, will not reconcile with detailed statements representing gross payments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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We quite often see articles in newspapers and magazines written by nationally syndicated columnists "panning" education and "telling" educators what ought to be done. Simply because one becomes an authority in the field of politics, foreign affairs, farm subsidies, or even football, does not qualify one as an expert in all things. The expert on what can be done in an ungraded rural school is to be found in an ungraded rural school; the expert on what can be done in a small high school is to be found in the small high school. These columnist experts are unacquainted with the "educational facts of life" and will remain so until such time as they actually spend a year, more or less, in an actual situation teaching the pupils themselves. Of course **they can not afford** to do this and a quick, superficial survey plus a few interviews and a posed picture or two must be the basis of material for an expression of opinion. Unfortunate it is that their opinions are so widely read, and believed. Now all of us in the educational field can improve our work and have the potential of always doing a better job. Much remains to be discovered and learned in the field of human conduct, but for a college president or a noted columnist to write that **all** pupils in high school should have a couple of years of Latin, or three years of college preparatory mathematics is too absurd to merit additional space. Our pupils must be taught to read current publications with the proverbial grain of salt. Freedom of the press is not license, and carries on its shoulders the greatest of responsibilities.

Once again we enter a legislative year with political leaders of both parties pledged to no new sources of tax revenue which simply means that the local property tax will continue to bear the major part of increased costs of

educating our children. Even granting the possibility of a stable economy, costs of education will increase where: 1) There are significant increases in the school population; 2) There is need of extensive remodeling or new buildings; 3) Where new educational offerings become necessary; 4) Where there is competition for teachers. There is an old, and elementary, law to be found in any high school economics text book that where there is a limited supply and an increasing demand for a commodity the price will increase. Numerically there will be a shortage of teachers for many years ahead; qualitatively speaking there is always a shortage. Teachers have the benefit now of being in the driver's seat of a "selling market". Until such time as state aid becomes available in sufficient quantity to absorb these increasing costs the local property owner will pay the bill. Only when this condition has been met will state aid, in still larger quantities, be of any great value in lessening the burden on the property owner. If you, as a property owner, are willing to absorb these costs there is, and will be, no need of new taxes; if you really want tax relief new sources of revenue are necessary, in the opinion of the writer. To say that it doesn't make any difference because the consumer pays the bill anyway is to overlook the fact that different people consume different things, and all consumers in the State of New Hampshire do not live here "the year round" nor do they all own property! There are several towns in this union which could well use several times the aid now being received. Other towns can not have modern buildings until special building aid is allocated from a higher level, either state or federal. What do you want for your children? Are you willing to "pay the freight" on present tax basis? These are the vital questions. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Legislators have sensitive ears!

Danbury residents should watch with great care the legislative halls of Concord this year. There seems to be

no answer to Danbury's outmoded buildings other than material aid from some source other than property tax; at least there seems to be no other answer to me. I firmly believe the failure to solve such problems at the state level is a black mark against our civilization for which there is no acceptable excuse in "this day and age." Any attempts to aid districts, such as Danbury, by increased state aid or new building aid should have your wholehearted and very active support.

Danbury teachers are among the lowest paid in the state. We are fortunate to have any teachers at all in our schools in view of the national picture. The increase in the budget for these teachers is the very minimum which should be considered. The average beginning salary of the graduates from P.T.C. last year was \$2850. New graduates do not choose to teach in small, rural schools!

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

Superintendent of Schools

## COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	Expend. 1953-54	Budget 1954-55	Est. Bdg't 1955-56
ADMINISTRATION			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 190.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Supt's salary	283.84	281.78	263.89
Tax for state wide supervision	224.00	226.00	208.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	133.35	135.10	144.60
Supplies and expenses	151.41	235.00	250.00
INSTRUCTION			
Teachers' salaries	6,391.25	7,000.00	7,300.00
Books and other aids	269.24	250.00	250.00
Scholars' supplies	347.16	250.00	250.00
Supplies and other expenses	59.95	50.00	50.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT			
Salary of janitor	178.00	150.00	240.00
Fuel or heat	417.28	375.00	400.00
Water, light, supplies & exp.	358.07	150.00	200.00
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT			
Repairs & replacements	293.56	200.00	200.00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES			
Health supervision	214.20	127.04	137.27
Transportation of pupils	4,096.88	4,106.00	4,286.00
Tuition, high school	5,229.96	7,500.00	6,900.00
FIXED CHARGES			
Retirement	453.89	500.00	510.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp.	29.17	41.67	47.00
Contingency fund		200.00	300.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 19,321.21	\$ 21,972.59	\$ 22,131.76

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

1955 - 1956

Estimated Balance	\$600.00
Trust Funds	48.00
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Total Other Than Property Taxes	\$ 648.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	21,483.76
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$ 22,131.76

# BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Cond.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother of Parents	Birthplace Father	Birthplace Mother
1954							
June 21 Franklin	Joseph Charles	M	L	Donald G Wiggins	Phyllis M Thies	Danbury New Hamp	New York
Aug. 7 New London	Robert Marvin	M	L	Gerrard S Frank	Annette J Altman	Danbury New York	Mass
Sept. 6 Franklin	Michael Carl	M	L	Carl C Dicey	Bernice B Lombard	Danbury New Hamp	New Hamp
Sept. 17 New London	Linda Eugenia	F	L	Leonard Sargent Jr	Louise F Rollins	Danbury Danbury	Grafton
Nov. 29 Franklin	Gail Marie	F	L	Ray A Russell	Maizie L Bacon	Danbury Vermont	New Hamp



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom, and Bride	Residence	Age	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married
Feb. 20	Carl C Dicey	Danbury	23	Lumbering	Nashua	Joseph F Dicey Fennie Cate	Rev. E Lincoln Bigelow Methodist Clergyman Union Village Vt
Oct. 2	Fred G Hopper	Danbury	71	Retired	New Jersey	Arthur C Lombard Hazel M Wescott Andrew Hopper	Rev W C Blankenship R C Priest New London
Oct. 12	Nelson E Townsend	Danbury	22	US Navy	New Jersey	James Buckley Elizabeth Quackenbush " Townsend	Rev E L Matthews Baptist Minister Bristol
	Florence E Hazelton	Bristol	16	Dish Washer	Reading Mass	Edna Ransville Jason Hazelton Florence R Hicks	

# DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y M D	Place of Birth	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1954 Apr. 29 Concord	Ralph J Hopps	59	Conway	Married	John Hopps	Maud Boyce
June 29 New London	Alice R Adams	92	Danbury	Widowed	Robert Ford	Mary Towle
July 21 Danbury	Abbie L Bailey	92	P. Q.	Widowed	Copp	Not Known
Sept. 14 Danbury	Carrie J Shaw	82	Danbury	Widowed	G Harlan Jackson	Loretta Currier
Nov. 11 Manchester	Michael C Dicey	2	Manchester	Single	Carl C Dicey	Bernice E Lombard
Dec. 13 Danbury	Samuel M Frazier	83	Danbury	Married	John Frazier	Mary O Frazier

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk











